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# LIST OF CLERGY

*In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.*

Right Rev. L. S. Ives, D. D., Bishop, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. M. Ashley Curtis, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro'.

Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Missionary in Halifax County.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Christ and St. Andrew's Churches, Rowan County, and Missionary in parts adjacent.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Professor in the University of North Carolina.

Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Rev. Fordyce M. Hubbard, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.

Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Missionary in Craven, Pitt, and Lenoir Counties.

Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. John S. Kidney, Minister, Pettigrew's Chapel and Lake Scuppernong.

Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Caldwell County.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

Rev. Sterling Yancey McMasters, Missionary in Granville and Halifax Counties.

Rev. Louis L. Noble, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.

Rev. W. B. Otis.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, and Missionary in parts adjacent.

Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary in Ashe County, and parts adjacent.

Rev. Joseph J. Ridley, Missionary in Granville and Franklin Counties.

Rev. John Singeltary.

Rev. Aldert Smedes, Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

Rev. W. E. Snowden, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

Rev. William Thurston, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and Missionary in Chatham County.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

Rev. Charles Bruce Walker, Deacon, Assistant to the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr.

Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. George T. Wilmer, Deacon, Assistant Minister of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

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The Rev. Messrs. Jarvis B. Buxton, M. Ashley Curtis, Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Wm. M. Green, Wm. N. Hawks, T. S. W. Mott, Wm. B. Otis, A. F. Olmsted, Aldert Smedes, Wm. Thurston, Lewis Taylor, Richard H. Wilmer, and George T. Wilmer, were not present at this Convention.

# LAY DELEGATES.

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| *Thos. H. Blount,<br>*A. P. Neale,<br>*Dr. David C. Freeman,<br>*Jas. E. Hoyt, | St. Peter's Church, Washington. |
| *Charles W. Bradley,<br>John P. Brown,<br>Joshua G. Wright,<br>Dr. John H. Hill, | St. James's Church, Wilmington. |
| *Hon. Richard Hines,<br>*Dr. Simmons J. Baker,<br>Samuel F. Patterson,<br>*Weston R. Gales, | Christ Church, Raleigh. |
| Edward L. Winslow,<br>*John W. Wright,<br>*Charles P. Mallett,<br>Edward J. Hale, | St. John's Church, Fayetteville. |
| Dr. M. Page,<br>*Thos. G. Haughton,<br>Robt. T. Paine,<br>*Dr. Jas. Norcom, | St. Paul's Church, Edenton. |
| Cadwallader Jones, Sen.,<br>Hon. John L. Bailey,<br>P. H. Mangum, | St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. |
| *Thos. S. Singleton,<br>*Jacob Gooding,<br>*A. H. Van Bokkelin,<br>*J. Disosway, | Christ Church, Newbern. |
| Wm. Plummer,<br>Dr. H. L. Plummer,<br>Peter R. Davis,<br>Dr. Alex'r Hall, | Emmanuel Church, Warrenton. |
| John W. Ellis,<br>John B. Lord,<br>Wm. Locke,<br>Arch'd H. Caldwell, | St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. |
| Dr. Isaac Hall,<br>Lawrence J. Haughton,<br>Henry A. London,<br>Thos. Hill, | St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough. |
| *J. H. Jacocks,<br>Hon. Wm. B. Shepard,<br>Wm. Martin,<br>C. R. Kinney, | Christ Church, Elizabeth City. |

**Jos. B. G. Roulhac,*
*Charles E. Johnson, Jr.,*
**Lorenzo S. Webb,*
*George S. Holley,*
St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.

*Dr. Wm. P. Jennings,*
*Dr. W. G. Jones,*
*John D. Smith,*
*Wm. E. Troy,*
Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

**Frederick Grist,*
**Fenner B. Satterthwaite,*
**Wm. J. Laughinghouse,*
**Benjamin Patrick,*
Trinity Church, Beaufort.

*E. T. Marable,*
*Wm. J. Andrews,*
*Lewis D. Burwell,*
**John S. Eaton,*
Church of the Holy Innocent's, Henderson.

**Josiah Collins*, St. Luke's Church, Locust Grove.

**Russell Chapman,*
**Edmund D. MacNair,*
*Matthew Weddell,*
*Jas. D. Howell,*
Calvary Church, Tarborough.

**F. F. Fagan,*
*Samuel Hardison,*
*J. McC. Boyle,*
*Wm. L. Chesson,*
Grace Church, Plymouth.

*George Whitfield,*
*Nathan G. Blount,*
**John H. Peebles,*
**Thos. Woodley,*
St. Mary's Church, Kinston.

Those marked thus (*) were present at the Convention.

# JOURNAL.

WASHINGTON, May 22, 1844.

This being the day and place appointed for the meeting of the 28th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Right Reverend Bishop, attending Clergy, and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Peter's Church at 10 A. M.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Secretary of the last year not being present, a Secretary *pro tem.* was appointed by the Bishop.

The names of the Clergy entitled to seats being called by the Secretary, the following were found present:

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire,
Rev. Edwin Geer,
Rev. Samuel I. Johnston,
Rev. J. S. Kidney,
Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D.
Rev. Cameron F. McRae,
Rev. Sterling Y. McMasters,
Rev. Louis L. Noble,
Rev. Jos. J. Ridley,
Rev. Wm. E. Snowden,
Rev. Chas. Bruce Walker.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were called for and read by the Secretary. The following persons appeared to have been elected Delegates to this Convention from the respective Churches:

*St. Peter's Church, Washington.*—Thos. H. Blount, A. P. Neale, Dr. David C. Freeman, James E. Hoyt.

*St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.*—John W. Ellis, John B. Lord, William Locke, Arch'd H. Caldwell.

*Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.*—Wm. Plummer, Dr. H. L. Plummer, Peter R. Davis, Dr. Alex'r Hall.

*Christ Church, Elizabeth City.*—J. H. Jacocks, Hon. Wm. B. Shepard, Wm. Martin, C. R. Kinney.

*Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.*—E. T. Marable, Wm. J. Andrews, Lewis D. Burwell, John S. Eaton.

*St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.*—Dr. Isaac Hall, Lawrence J. Haughton, Henry A. London, Thomas Hill.

*Christ Church, Raleigh.*—Hon. Richard Hines, Dr. Simmons J. Baker, Samuel F. Patterson, Weston R. Gales.

*Trinity Church, Beaufort County.*—Frederick Grist, Fenner B. Satterthwaite, Wm. J. Laughinghouse, Benj. Patrick.

*St. Luke's, Locust Grove.*—Josiah Collins.

Of whom the following answered to their names, and took their seats as members of this Convention:

A. P. Neale, Dr. David C. Freeman, Jas. E. Hoyt, Thos. H. Blount, J. H. Jacocks, John S. Eaton, Richard Hines, Weston R. Gales, Simmons J. Baker, Fenner B. Satterthwaite, Wm. J. Laughinghouse, Benjamin Patrick, Josiah Collins.

The Convention was pronounced by the Bishop to be duly organized.

On motion, the usual election of Secretary was deferred.

On motion, a Committee on Elections was appointed by the Bishop, viz: From the Clergy, Rev. Cameron F. McRae; from the Laity, Messrs. Hines and Neale.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McRae, the Convention then adjourned to Thursday Morning, at 9 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. McRae, the Bishop reading the Ante-Communion Service, and a Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Mason, from St. Matthew, 23d ch. 2d verse.

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THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Rev. Messrs. Prout, Hubbard, and Singeltary, appeared and took their seats.

The Minutes of yesterday having been read and approved,—

The following Certificates of Lay Delegation were presented and read:

*From St. John's Church, Fayetteville.*—E. L. Winslow, E. J. Hale, J. W. Wright, C. P. Mallett.

*Christ Church, Newbern.*—T. S. Singleton, Jacob Gooding, A. H. Van Bokkelin, J. Disosway.

*Calvary Church, Tarborough.*—Russell Chapman, E. D. MacNair, M. Weddell, J. D. Howell.

*St. James's Church, Wilmington.*—C. W. Bradley, J. G. Wright, J. P. Brown, Dr. J. H. Hill.

*Calvary Church, Wadesborough.*—Dr. W. P. Jennings, Dr. W. G. Jones, J. D. Smith, W. E. Troy.

*St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.*—Cad. Jones, Sen., Hon. J. L. Bailey, P. H. Mangum.

*St. Paul's Church, Edenton.*—Dr. M. Page, Thos. J. Haughton, Robt. T. Paine, Dr. Jas. Norcom.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats, viz: John W. Wright, C. P. Mallett, T. S. Singleton, Jacob Gooding, A. H. Van Bokkelin, J. Disosway, Russell Chapman, E. D. MacNair, Charles W. Bradley, Thos. J. Haughton, Dr. Jas. Norcom, Jos. G. B. Roulhac, and Lorenzo S. Webb.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary for the ensuing year. Whereupon, E. L. Winslow was elected Secretary, and C. P. Mallett Assistant Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be now elected.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for the Standing Committee, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. Dr. R. S. Mason, the Rev. C. F. McRae, and the Rev. S. I. Johnston, of the Clergy; and the Hon. Richard Hines, and Weston R. Gales, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for Divine Service, to meet at 4 P. M.

Morning Prayer by the Rev. H. H. Prout, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. S. I. Johnston, from Matthew, 22d ch., 26th verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of 1832 be adopted for the government of this Convention.

The President then announced the following Committees:

*Committee of Finance.*—The Rev. Messrs. Mason and Singeltary, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Eaton, Collins, and Wright, of the Laity.

*Committee on the State of the Church.*—The Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Geer, Johnston, Cheshire, and Noble.

*Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.*—Rev. C. F. McRae, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Hines and Neale, of the Laity.

The Rev. Mr. Hubbard presented an application from St. Mary's Church, Kinston, desiring to be admitted into union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese; which, on motion, was referred.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report on the unfinished business of the last Convention.

The President appointed the Rev. S. I. Johnston, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Gooding and Roulhac, of the Laity.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations, made a favorable report on the application of St. Mary's Church, Kinston. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That said Church be admitted into union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese.

A Certificate of the election of George Whitfield, Nathan G. Blount, John H. Peebles, and Thos. Woodley, as Lay Delegates from the Congregation of St. Mary's, Kinston, was then presented, and ordered to be received;—and Messrs. John H. Peebles and Thos. Woodley appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY
OF THE CONVENTION:

The following is a statement of my official acts, during the last Conventional year, and of other particulars, required by Canon to be presented on the present occasion.

On the 3d Sunday after Easter, 1843, I held a visitation service in St. Paul's Church, Edenton. In the morning, preached, and admitted Mr. Sterling Yancey McMasters to the Holy Order of Deacons; and in the evening, confirmed 27 persons.

On the evening of the next day, (May 8th,) and the morning of the 9th, performed service in St. Thomas's, Windsor; preached twice, and confirmed one person.

Wednesday morning, 10th, officiated in the Court House at Williamston, Martin County, preaching once.

11th, in St. Paul's, Edenton, preached, and confirmed 7 persons.

12th, Hertford, preached, and confirmed 2 persons.

4th Sunday after Easter, in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, preached twice, and confirmed two persons.

17th, Damascus, Gates County, preached, and confirmed one person.

18th, in Court House, Gatesville, preached, and confirmed 2 persons.

20th, Murfreesborough, preached twice.

5th Sunday after Easter, at Buckhorn Chapel, Manney's Neck, preached, and confirmed 2 persons.

23d, Halifax, preached, and confirmed 1 person.

26th, Calvary Church, Tarborough, preached twice, and confirmed 7 persons.

Sunday after Ascension, Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, preached, and confirmed 3 persons.

Trinity Sunday, St. Stephen's Oxford, preached twice, and confirmed 6 persons.

Thence I proceeded to Boston and New York, to attend meetings of the Board of Missions and the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Church; and to be present at the examination of the Students, and at the Commencement of the latter institution. The examination and exercises here were generally gratifying, tending to evince the soundness, ability, and fidelity of the Theological Professors, and the diligence and success of the Students.

On the 2d Sunday after Trinity, I preached twice in St. John's Church, Elizabeth Town, New Jersey.

3d Sunday after Trinity, in St. Stephen's Church, New York, I took part, by invitation of the Right Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, in the Ordination to the Deaconship of nine candidates from our General Seminary,—whose sound Theological learning and Godly conversation gave promise of their eminent usefulness to the Church.

While in the City of New York, by the request of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Ohio,—who, from the peculiarity of the case, could not act himself,—I examined the evidence upon which a court of trial had recommended the suspension from the Ministry of the Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D.; and from my conviction of the justice of the recommendation, gave judgment accordingly.

Friday, July 7th, officiated in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, and admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons Dr. J. J. Ridley, preaching on the occasion, and confirming 2 persons.

4th Sunday after Trinity, Raleigh, preached in the morning in Christ Church, and in the evening in the Chapel of St. Mary's School.

5th Sunday after Trinity, and day previous, in Calvary Church, Wadesborough, preached three times, and confirmed 6 persons.

6th Sunday after Trinity, and previous day, at Capp's Mine, Mecklenburg County, preached twice.

Evening of same Sunday, and following Monday, at Charlotte, preached twice.

26th and 27th, St. Mary's Chapel, White Haven, preached twice, and confirmed 7 persons.

7th Sunday after Trinity, and the Saturday before, in Lincolnton, consecrated a beautiful building to the service of Almighty God and our Saviour, by the title of *St. Luke's Church;* admitted Mr. A. F. Olmsted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and the Rev. John S. Kidney to that of Priests; preached twice, made an address, and confirmed 12 persons.

August 3d, in Court House at Rutherfordton, preached, made an address on Confirmation, and confirmed 5 persons. The next day, at the house of Joseph Carson, Esq., officiated, and confirmed one person.

8th Sunday after Trinity, in Church of St. John in the Wilderness, preached in the morning.

9th, at Asheville, preached in the morning.

11th, at Turkey Cove, preached in the morning.

9th Sunday after Trinity, preached at Morganton, made an address, and confirmed 8 persons.

16th, Lenoir, Caldwell County, preached, and confirmed 7 persons.

10th Sunday after Trinity, and previous Friday, at the head of the Wataga River, Ashe County, preached twice, delivered an address, and confirmed one person.

22d, Valley of the Yadkin, preached, made an address, and confirmed 6 persons.

24th and 25th, at Wilkesborough, preached, made an address on Confirmation, baptised one adult and two children, and confirmed 2 persons.

11th Sunday after Trinity, Christ Church, Rowan County, preached, made an address, and confirmed 4 persons.

29th, preached at the house of the venerable Mr. Mills.

30th and 31st Aug. and 1st Sept., in St. Luke's, Salisbury, preached three times, and confirmed one person.

12th Sunday after Trinity, and previous day, in St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County, preached twice, and confirmed 3 persons.

The evening of the same Sunday, in Mocksville, Davie County, performed service and preached. The next morning, confirmed one person.

5th and 6th, performed service and preached at Huntsville, Surry Co.

8th, at Lexington, preached in the morning.

13th Sunday after Easter, St. Luke's, Salisbury, preached three times, and confirmed 4 persons.

14th, Yanceyville, Caswell County, performed service, preached twice, and confirmed 3 persons.

14th Sunday after Trinity, and the day before, in Rockingham County, preached twice, delivered two addresses, baptised 2 adults, and confirmed 2 persons. On the evening of the same Sunday, at the house of Dr. Broadnax, made an address, and confirmed 2 persons.

22d, at Deep River, Chatham County, preached in the morning. The night passed at the house of Peter Evans, Esq., and confirmed one person.

15th Sunday after Trinity, and the Monday and Tuesday following, officiated in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, preached three times, delivered an address, and confirmed 9 persons.

27th, at Chapel Hill, preached, and confirmed 3 persons.

St. Michael's day, and 16th Sunday after Trinity, and Monday following, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preached 4 times, and confirmed 3 persons. Afternoon of Sunday, preached at Joppa Sunday School.

3d October, preached at St. Mary's Chapel, and confirmed one person.

5th, at Salem Chapel, Plantation of Judge Cameron, performed service and preached.

7th, and 17th Sunday after Trinity, and next day, in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, preached 4 times, and confirmed 12 persons.

12th, St. James's Church, Granville County, preached, and confirmed 3 persons.

18th Sunday after Trinity, and previous day, in Church of Holy Innocents, Henderson, preached twice, and confirmed 7 persons.

18th, St. John's Church, Williamsborough, preached, and confirmed one person.

19th Sunday after Trinity, with previous Saturday, in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, preached twice, and confirmed 9 persons.

23d, at Brinkley's Cross Roads, preached, delivered an address, baptised 2 adults, and confirmed 3 persons.

25th, at Gaston, preached, baptised an adult, and confirmed 5 persons.

From this place I went to New York, to meet the Committee on *the Standard Prayer Book of the Church.*

20th Sunday after Trinity, by invitation of my friend, the Bishop of New Jersey, I preached twice in St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

21st Sunday after Trinity, preached at New York, in the morning in the Church of All Saints; evening in Calvary Church; at night in St. Paul's Chapel.

22d Sunday after Trinity, in St. Luke's Church, New York.

23d Sunday after Trinity, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh.

24th Sunday after Trinity, and Saturday before, Louisburg, preached 4 times, baptised an adult, and confirmed 2 persons.

1st and 4th Sundays in Advent, officiated in Christ Church, Raleigh, preached 3 times, and confirmed 2 persons.

Sunday after Christmas, in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, preached, confirmed one person, and administered Holy Communion, —for which purpose I made this visit to the Parish, the Clergyman being only in Deacon's Orders.

11th and 12th January, met the Committee on the Standard Edition of Prayer Book.

1st Sunday after Epiphany, preached in St. Clement's Church, N. York.

2d Sunday after Epiphany, preached, morning, in St. John's Chapel; evening, in Church of Annunciation; night, St. Paul's Chapel, New York.

January 21, 3d Sunday after Epiphany, preached in Philadelphia, St. James's Church in the morning; Christ Church, evening, and Church of Ascension at night.

4th Sunday after Epiphany, officiated in Chapel of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

Septuagessima Sunday, officiated in Christ Church, Raleigh.

Quinquagessima Sunday, and Ash-Wednesday, in Chapel of St. Mary's School.

1st Sunday in Lent, Christ Church, Raleigh, preached twice.

2d Sunday in Lent, preached in Chapel of St. Mary's School.

3d Sunday in Lent, in the morning at Christ Church, and evening St. Mary's School.

4th Sunday in Lent, morning and evening at Chapel St. Mary's School.

5th Sunday in Lent, Christ Church, morning, and evening, Chapel St. Mary's School, confirming 4 persons at the Chapel.

Palm Sunday, with 3 days previous, in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, preached 6 times, delivered an address to the young gentlemen of the place, and confirmed 13 persons.

Good Friday, Easter Even, and Easter Day, in St. James's Church, Wilmington, preached five times, made an address to parents, and confirmed 6 persons.

11th and 12th April, officiated at Kinston, Lenoir County, preached 3 times, and confirmed 5 persons.

1st Sunday after Easter, with the previous Saturday and the following Monday and Tuesday, in Christ Church, Newbern, preached 5 times, made an address, and confirmed 11 persons.

17th, in Pugh's Chapel, preached, and confirmed 4 persons.

18th and 19th, at Greenville, preached twice, baptised an infant, and confirmed one person. In the evening, baptised an infant at a private house.

2d Sunday after Easter, in Calvary Church, Tarborough, preached 3 times, and confirmed 4 persons.

23d, at Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, preached in the morning.

25th, St. Mark's day, preached in St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, and confirmed 6 persons.

3d Sunday after Easter, and two days following, in St. Paul's, Edenton, preached 5 times, and confirmed 4 persons.

1st May, St. Philip's and St. James's day, performed service and preached at Hertford.

4th Sunday after Easter, with Friday and Saturday previous, in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, preached 5 times, and confirmed 3 persons.

On my return, (7th,) baptised an infant in private house at Hertford.

Rogation Sunday, preached in the morning at Pettigrew's Chapel, and confirmed 4 persons; and in the evening at Lake Scuppernong, and confirmed 31 persons.

15th, Rogation day, at St. Luke's, Locust Grove, performed service, preached, baptised 2 adults, and suspended 3 communicants.

Ascension day, preached twice, and confirmed 3 persons.

Sunday after Ascension, in St. Thomas's Church, Bath, preached, and confirmed 3 persons.

20th, in Trinity Church, Beaufort County, preached, and confirmed one person. In the evening of that day, and the evening of next day, preached in St. Peter's Church, Washington.

From this statement, Brethren, you will perceive, that by the good providence of God, I have been enabled to perform this year a greater a-

mount of labor than during any previous year of my Episcopate;—that I have visited every portion of our widely extended Diocese, beside having given my attention, so far as could expected of me, to the general interests of the Church;—that I have preached 179 times, baptised 6 adults and 6 infants not included in the Parochial Reports, confirmed 300 persons, consecrated one Church, and ordained 3 Deacons and one Priest. In addition to the above record, I have examined the children in the Catechism, and administered the Holy Communion in all the principal Parishes, and in many families and destitute neighborhoods.

It is a circumstance, which, in these troublous times, has not a little encouraged my labors, that while the usual accessions to our communion have been made by "the laying on of hands," an unusually large proportion of those confirmed has been of the most intelligent and right-judging class of the Laity,—whose conservative influence will be felt, as the influence of the Laity has always been, in upholding established order and authority in the Church.

Other marks of encouragement and steady advance deserve our notice.

The salutary effects of the baptismal training of our children and youth —every day more faithfully attended to—are becoming discernible and heart-cheering in almost every Parish. Children begin to realize their high relation to the Church, as "members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven;"—to realize the blessing granted them at baptism, of a "death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness;" —to realize the awful aggravation of his doom who slights baptismal vows and resists baptismal grace. While parents and sponsors begin, in some degree, to show a returning consciousness of their immense duty and fearful responsibility, as guardians for God and the Church of the children committed to them at baptism.

One drawback, however, to our complete success here, demands our attention. It is that experienced in an inconsiderate selection of sponsors. In the Church in England, sponsors are, in all cases I believe, required by Canon to be Communicants. In this country, we have no law upon the subject; and hence our Clergy have neither Canonical guidance nor protection in their efforts to save the Church from the evil of an insufficient sponsorial guardianship. Still, in the absence of Canon, the Clergy may do much, by faithfully instructing the people in the true nature and ends of the sponsorial office, and by earnest expostulation and warning against the consequences of treating it as a light thing. The Church has a right to expect that her Clergy will take care that she has adequate security for the due nurture and protection of her baptised children.

Another mark of encouragement, is the manifest increase of a devotional spirit among our people. In Parishes where, only three or four years ago, *Lent* was mentioned only to be decried as a Romish superstition, and the prayer-bell was noticed only as a mark of the folly of the few who, without the attraction of a sermon, could be statedly led to the sanctuary of God; now a deep and pervading anxiety is becoming manifest to improve this, the Church's season of penitence, to the advantage of the soul; and large congregations are found assembled at the Church's call to her morning and evening prayer, and that too in some cases *daily*. We have need, however, as the ministry of Christ, to make more effort in this be-

half. The great evil that hedges up our way to duty, is a propensity to "walk by sight;" to limit our exertions by what we imagine will be the effects; to determine whether we will obey the Church's dictate in having daily service, by inquiring *how many will be likely to attend.* Beloved Brethren of the Clergy, there never has been a time when the call upon us was louder and more solemn than now, *to do our duty and leave the result with God.*

Another note of encouragement is manifest in a growing disposition, on the part of the poor and ignorant in our Diocese, to receive the blessings of the Church. This is especially true within the range of our Mountain Missions. Here the destitute begin to perceive and appreciate the eminent appropriateness of our Liturgy to their condition. In many instances, they have confessed to me with tears of gratitude that its use among them has opened to their minds sources of knowledge inconceivably greater than any thing which they had before enjoyed. Persons unable to read, have given as a reason for becoming Episcopalians, that so much of the Bible is read to them in our services.

Our Chants, too, have found special favor with them. Through the whole extent of my last visitation in the Mountain district, I was accompanied by three of my younger Clergy, who were sufficiently skilled in chanting to enable us to chant the portions of our service usually performed in this way. The effect was in the highest degree favorable, and the desire of the people to be instructed in this kind of music importunate. So that I feel certain, a little pains on the part of our Missionaries and the more intelligent members of our Communion, would render *Chanting* an important means, both of producing among the ignorant a sounder and deeper religious feeling, and of greatly increasing and fixing in their minds Scriptural truth.

Another mark of encouragement, is our continued success in communicating the Gospel orally to our colored population. It is true, for want of Missionaries and catechists, we have not been able to extend our labors in this department beyond a very limited field. Still our success in this field is undiminished. Just in proportion as Scripture knowledge is thoroughly communicated to this people, accessions are made to the Communion, and christian principle seems to control the life. The main thing, indeed, with this impulsive race, is to fix in their minds, by Catechetical training, the cardinal truths of Holy Writ. In the case of adults, it must be acknowledged, there is great difficulty in effecting this. But not in the case of children. They are quite as apt in committing to memory, and I think in comprehending the meaning of what they learn, as white children. And on large plantations, wherethey are kept from bad influences, they are much more likely than white children to receive deep religious impressions. I was greatly encouraged, on my last visitation to Lake Scuppernong, to find among the class for Confirmation, a number of those for whose instruction I prepared, three years ago, my Oral Catechism. So much encouraged was I with this result, as to determine, by God's permission, to employ my first leisure in carrying out my purpose, for some time cherished, of preparing a *Scripture* Catechism on the same plan.

Notwithstanding these encouraging evidences, however, of our steady advance, they have been attended with some things calculated both to moderate our joy, and increase our watchfulness and prayer.

The unexpected removal of a number of our active Clergymen, is a circumstance which we cannot but deplore, notwithstanding other portions of the American Church have received the strength which it has been our lot thus to lose. Some of these removals have been occasioned by failing health, and others by want of adequate support. In an effort to arrest this growing evil of frequent changes among the Clergy, especially in our newly gathered Congregations, I must appeal to both Clergy and Laity—entreating the Clergy prayerfully to consider the injury, in many cases irreparable, done to our small Parishes just struggling into existence, by the sudden departure of their Minister, who has been with them just long enough to make them look to him for counsel, defence and encouragement; and entreating the Laity to reflect upon the awfulness of the responsibility they assume in withholding the means—means clearly and fully within their power—necessary to carry on the work of God in preaching the Gospel to the poor.

That which calls especially for our increased watchfulness and prayer, at the present time, is the violent opposition we meet with in prosecuting our holy labors. Never has the Church been called to suffer a more combined and unrelenting persecution than at this hour; and we, in this Diocese, have our full share. Let us not be thrown off our guard—not forget the spirit we are of. But be careful to return blessing for cursing. And to humble ourselves before God for our own sins, while we pray for those who despitefully use us and persecute us. Let us meekly submit to the discipline of our Father in Heaven, and rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer shame for His Son's sake. And let us supplicate for ourselves a double portion of His Spirit. Severe trials may be before us. We may yet be called to resist unto blood striving against sin. We have just passed through a day of the most reckless liberalism. We are now called to one of intolerant persecution. Let us place ourselves fully and strictly under the spirit and guidance of Him who loved the Church and gave Himself for it.

The following changes have taken place in our Ministry since the last Convention: The Rev. Charles Aldis has removed by letter to the Diocese of New York. The Rev. Robt. M. Chapman has removed by letter to the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rev. Edward M. Forbes has removed by letter to the Diocese of Alabama. The Rev. Charles H. Disbrow has removed by letter to the Diocese of Virginia.

The Rev. John S. Kidney has removed from Burke County, and taken charge of the Church at Pettigrew's Chapel and Lake Scuppernong. The Rev. S. Y. McMasters, Deacon, has, by my request, taken charge of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, and parts adjacent. The Rev. T. S. W. Mott has left St. John's Church in the Wilderness, and taken up his residence in Caldwell County, where he officiates whenever his health will permit. The Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Deacon, has, by my request, taken charge of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton. The Rev. Wm. B. Otis has left the charge of Grace Church, Plymouth. The Rev. John Singeltary has resigned the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, and is about to take the temporary charge of St. John's Church in the Wilderness. The Rev. William E. Snowden has left his Missionary charge, and accepted the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Washington. The Rev.

Lewis Taylor has resigned the charge of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford. The Rev. Joseph J. Ridley, Deacon, has, by my request, taken charge of St. John's, Williamsborough, and St. James's, Granville County, and the Church in Louisburg. The Rev. R. H. Wilmer has been received by letter from the Diocese of Virginia, and become the Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington. The Rev. George Wilmer, Deacon, has been received by letter from the Diocese of Virginia, and, by my request, become Assistant to the Rector of St. James. Hence it will be seen, that our list of Clergy has been diminished one from the number of last year. Our list of Candidates for Holy Orders, too, is somewhat diminished. The following persons are now Candidates: Messrs. Stoughton, Robarts, Buxton, Packam, and Huske. Of the list reported last year, Messrs. Olmsted, McMasters, and Ridley, have been admitted to Holy Orders; Mr. Reed transferred to the Diocese of New York; and Mr. Putnam dismissed on the ground of mental aberration. Mr. Buxton, at his own request, has received an extension of the term of his Candidateship.

In connexion with this fact of the fewness of our Candidates for Holy Orders, let me appeal to the pious young men in the Diocese engaged in secular occupations, to consider the alarming deficiency in the numbers of our Clergy to meet the Saviour's requirement "to preach the Gospel to the poor;" and to set apart seasons of humble and prayerful and earnest inquiry with themselves, whether, in the present necessities of the Church, their vows of self-consecration to her divine Head can be fulfilled in any way so entirely as by their devotion to the holy Ministry. And further, let me call upon my Brethren of the Clergy, to make it a special duty to direct the minds of baptised children, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, to this sacred office. And finally, let us all, as a branch of the Church Catholic, earnestly and with increased importunity, "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest."

I cannot conclude my remarks without calling the attention of the Convention, and through the Convention, of the Church in the Diocese, to certain objects of special interest.

The grand and all-absorbing object which it is the Church's office to advance, is the dispensation of the Gospel to the needy and destitute.

In fulfilling this her office, one of the first claims to her attention, I conceive to be, the immediate completion of the Church at Chapel Hill. By the Report of Professor Green, who has in charge the Church of the Atonement at that place, it appears that the "Church building," a beautiful Gothic structure, admirably appropriate to the situation, "was commenced in June last, and is now about three-fourths completed. In order to finish it according to the original design, something like 1200 dollars will yet be required in addition to the present subscription list." "For this sum," adds the Professor, "we earnestly look to those portions of the Diocese which have as yet contributed little or nothing towards the work." In a private letter to myself, Professor Green urges the importance of a public meeting, during the sittings of the Convention, to aid in securing the required subscription, and requests the Bishop to take the lead in the matter. I approve of the suggestion, and know of no way in which I could so well bring it to your notice as in this Address. In addition to the completion

of the Church, it is highly important to secure at once the services of a Missionary, by a liberal contribution to his support.

In the next place, our Missions demand, and most importunately, an increased and more united effort. Their state, with a view of what each Parish is doing in their behalf, is to be submitted in the Missionary Report. One remark, however, may not here be out of place. And it is made here for the purpose of calling attention to the facts of the Report. And it is this: that want of *pecuniary ability* cannot be the cause of the small contributions of some of our Parishes.—as, among our largest Parishes, those who are least able, as a general thing, have given the most.

In regard to the Missionary field, generally, which is now before us, it is only necessary to remark, that its extent, and hence its necessities, have increased, while the means placed at the disposal of the Missionary Committee, to meet these necessities, have considerably diminished; and hence they have been forced, however reluctantly, to abandon some of the Missionary Stations. This has been the fact in regard to those in Hertford and Gates Counties, and two or three in the Mountains. While others have been left by their Ministers for the want of adequate support. The Mountain district of our Diocese is the region which emphatically invites our labors. If the deepest spiritual ignorance, the most alarming state of moral habit, and the most encouraging readiness to receive the blessings of the Church, can constitute an invitation, then, I repeat, it is most emphatic—too emphatic to be unheeded without guilt.

But in order effectually to take possession of this needy land thus open to us, our efforts have hitherto been directed mainly to three or four points. Indeed, for the last six months, we have felt obliged to circumscribe our operations to Lincoln, Burke, and Ashe Counties. In the two former, as the Report of the Missionary will show, we are doing all that could be expected of us, with a noble, self-denying Missionary, embarrassed by a scanty support. I pray you, good Brethren, to enable me to send him an assistant; and pray you in behalf of those for whom Christ has shed his blood, and whom you will ere long meet at Christ's awful bar of judgment.

The last Mission to which I ask your special attention—and I put it last because I think it the very farthest from being last—is that of Ashe County, under the direction of our well-tried—may I not say *severely* tried! —brother, the Rev. Mr. Prout. That Mission is deeply interesting in itself, as I remarked to you somewhat at large in my last Conventional Address. The section of country where it is situated is beautiful and striking, far beyond my powers of description; while the inhabitants cannot be overmatched in spiritual destitution by the inhabitants of any other known land. A portion of them had not, before the arrival of our brother, heard for *seven years*, even an *uncertain* sound of the Gospel. And they are now willing to be taught—many of them eager to be taught—the way of salvation by Christ! Besides, the Valley of the Wataga, where our Missionary has planted the standard of the Cross, is a kind of connecting link between the different portions of that whole needy region. Avenues open on every side to large districts equally destitute and neglected with itself. Indeed, six Missionaries at least might at this moment be profitably employed at that point. Two, with an efficient School-master, is the smallest number we can think of attempting to proceed with. The plan,

which, after full inquiry and mature consideration, I regard as the only feasible one for a sure and adequate, though gradual supply of spiritual privileges to this needy people, is the following: Land in that neighborhood is good and cheap. For two hundred dollars at the most, a farm could be procured with sufficient "clearing" to support a Missionary establishment equal in extent to the demands of the surrounding country. Add to this two hundred more, and the farm could be properly "stocked" and supplied with the buildings needful for immediate use. For the inconsiderable sum, then, of $400, a Missionary establishment might be placed upon a permanent footing, which would secure a comfortable home, and in a short time maintenance to a number of Missionaries adequate to the supply of spiritual food to the now famishing, yea perishing, thousands which cluster around the mountains of Ashe, Yancey, and a part of Burke Counties. And let us consider the advantages of having our Missionary operations in that quarter concentred in such an establishment. 1. For cheapness, it would certainly have the advantage of all other methods.—2. And also for securing permanent ministerial services—as the Missionaries would enjoy the comforts of a home, of society, and of mutual counsel and fellowship. Besides, it would furnish the most effectual means of ensuring and fixing the attachment of this people to the Church. It would give to our operations an aspect of force, and stability, and earnestness, which is incalculably important in an appeal to the uninstructed mind. And moreover, such a plan would silence, in a good degree, opposition, and prevent interference from the jealousy of the surrounding sects. On every account, therefore, a plan such as I suggest commends itself to your favor and active co-operation. And now, in conclusion, I appeal to you as Stewards—as having in trust the power of the holy Church in this Diocese—as destined soon to stand with the needy before the judgment-seat of Christ; and I ask you in the name of God, in Christ's behalf I ask you, will you suffer so fair, so inviting an opportunity for saving souls, to pass unimproved for the want of so small a sum?

I cannot conclude my Address, without a passing notice of St. Mary's School, under the rectorship of the Rev. Mr. Smedes. Its prosperity and promised benefit to the Church, while they call for our prayers and encouragements, go far to show us that God's ways are best. That while we were mourning over the failure of the Episcopal School, He designed in that failure a greater good to the Diocese.

The character of the time, beloved Brethren, calls our attention loudly to the words of the holy Paul: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love"—"Be quiet and study to do your own business"—"and let the peace of God rule in your hearts."

To His grace I commend you in these your deliberations for the advancement of His holy Church in this Diocese.

L. SILLIMAN IVES,
*Bishop of North Carolina.*

The Bishop then handed to the Secretary the Parochial Reports, which were read as follows, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

## ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

*Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, Rector.*
*Rev. George T. Wilmer, Assistant Minister.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants 21, Adults 3, | 24 |
| Confirmations, | 6 |
| Communicants—Added 8, died 4, present number, | 224 |
| Marriages, | 8 |
| Funerals, (*these in great part out of the Congregation,*) | 15 |
| Moneys Collected, viz: | |
| For Assessment, | $225 00 |
| Diocesan Missions, | 150 00 |
| Relief Society, | 60 00 |
| Parochial Charity, | 138 00 |
| General Missions, | 105 00 |
| | $678 00 |

The above sum constitutes the Sunday Offerings of the Congregation for the past year. This plan of raising money has proved more efficient, and has given more general satisfaction, than any other that has been tried.

RICHARD H. WILMER.
GEORGE T. WILMER.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

*Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants 8, | 10 |
| Confirmations, | 11 |
| Communicants—Added 14, (four of these by transfer;) decrease by death 1; present number, 122 white, 20 colored,—Total | 142 |
| Marriages, | 2 |
| Funerals, | 5 |
| Moneys collected—For Assessment, | $210 00 |
| For Missionary Committee, | 115 00 |
| For Relief Committee, | 40 00 |

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

## CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

*Rev. R. S. Mason, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults 3, Children 10, | 13 |
| Confirmed, | 2 |
| Burials—6 Adults, 2 Children, | 8 |
| Communicants—Added 9, removed 3, withdrawn 1, present number, | 95 |

Of the Communicants reported last year, those who were from the E-

piscopal School now form a separate Communion, and worship in the Chapel of the Institution.

Contributions—

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| For the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses, | $210 00 |
| From the Weekly Offerings, with the exception of those made on the first Sunday of the month, being Communion Sunday, (the offerings of that day being appropriated to the poor,) | 287 35 |
| | $497 35 |

R. S. MASON.

## CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

*Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms, | 32 |
| Marriages, | 7 |
| Burials, | 22 |
| Confirmations, | 12 |
| Communicants—Added 15, lost by death 7, present | No. 132 |
| Bishop's Fund, | $210 00 |
| Missionary Fund, | 100 00 |
| Widow's Fund, | 32 00 |
| Parochial Charities, | 78 00 |

F. M. HUBBARD.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

*Rev. William E. Snowden, Rector.*

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| Communicants—White, Females 65, Males 12, | 77 | |
| Colored, Female 1, Males 5, | 6 | |
| Deceased, | 2 | |
| Present number, | —— | 81 |
| Baptisms—Adults, white 2; Infants, white 6, colored 2, | | 10 |
| Marriage, | | 1 |
| Burials, | | 7 |
| Assessment for this year, | | $100 00 |
| Weekly Offerings since last Convention, | | 77 30 |

W. E. SNOWDEN.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

*Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.*
*Rev. C. B. Walker, Deacon.*

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| Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants 2, | 4 |
| Confirmations, | 4 |
| Communicants—Died 2, added 2, present number, | 24 |

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| Burials, | 16 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Money collected— | |
| For Assessment and Contingent Fund, | $40 00 |
| Missionary purposes, &c., | 13 00 |
| Relief Committee, | 10 00 |

## CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

*Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.*
*Rev. C. B. Walker, Deacon.*

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| Baptism, (Infant,) | 1 |
| Confirmations—White 3, colored 1, | 4 |
| Communicants—Died 7; removed, white 1, colored 1; present number, white 70, colored 13, | 83 |
| Burials, | 8 |
| Marriage, | 1 |
| Money collected— | |
| For Assessment and Contingent Fund, | $15 50 |
| Missionary purposes, | 3 50 |

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

*Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.*
*Rev. C. B. Walker, Deacon.*

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| Baptisms (Infant) | 8 |
| Confirmations—White 2, colored 1, | 3 |
| Communicants—Died 1; withdrawn 1; added, white 5, colored 1; present number, white 42, colored 3, | 45 |
| Burials, | 3 |
| Money collected for Assessment and Contingent Fund, | $15 |

## MOCKSVILLE, DAVIE COUNTY.

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| Confirmations, | 2 |
| Communicants, | 5 |

## LEXINGTON, DAVIDSON COUNTY.

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| Communicants, | 4 |
| Burial, | 1 |

## MILLS' SETTLEMENT, IREDELL COUNTY.

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| Baptisms, (Infants) | 3 |
| Burials, | 4 |
| Communicants—Died 1; present number, white 14, colored 3, | 17 |

## SURRY COUNTY.

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 2, | 3 |
| Communicants, | 4 |

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.
C. B. WALKER.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

*Rev. Wm. Thurston, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Burial, | 1 |
| Baptisms—Infants 16, Adults 2, (white 7, colored 11,) | 18 |
| Confirmations, | 10 |
| Marriage, (colored) | 1 |
| Communicants—Died 1, removed 5, | 30 |
| Systematic Sunday Offerings, | $30 |

The Missionary for Chatham County has performed regular monthly services at the Gulf on Deep River during the year, where an attentive white and colored Congregation attend the ministrations of the Gospel. The Station at Haywood has been discontinued.

WM. THURSTON.

## CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

*Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector.*

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|---|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults, white 2; Infants, white 4, colored 1, | | 7 |
| Confirmations, | | 6 |
| Communicants—Removed 7, added 2, present number, | | 24 |
| Marriage, | | 1 |
| Burials, | | 2 |
| Sunday School—Scholars, | | 32 |
| Teachers, | | 4 |
| Money collected—For Assessment, | $25 | |
| Relief Committee, | 5 | |
| | | — $30 |

EDWIN GEER.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

*Rev. M. A. Curtis, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants 21, Adults 2, | 23 |
| Confirmations, | 3 |
| Communicants, | 64 |
| Funerals, | 4 |
| Marriages—White 3, colored 1, | 4 |
| Sunday Scholars, | 20 |
| Contributions, | $116 00 |

Our Sunday School in the country, reported to the last Convention, is still continued, and numbers from 50 to 60 Scholars. Divine Service is held monthly at the same place, except during the cold season of the year. Of the Baptisms reported above, the two Adults and twelve of the Children were at this place.

## ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

*Rev. M. A. Curtis, Missionary.*

Baptism 1, Confirmation 1, Marriage 1, Funeral 1.
I have officiated monthly at this Chapel since the last Convention.

M. A. CURTIS.

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

*Rev. Lewis Taylor, late Rector.*

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| Baptisms—Infants, white 3, colored 4; Adults 4, | 11 |
| Confirmations—White 19, colored 1, | 20 |
| Communicants—White 44, colored 2, | 46 |
| Funerals, | 3 |
| Assessment for Episcopate, | $36 |

LEWIS TAYLOR.

## EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON,

*Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults 5, Infants 12, | 17 |
| Confirmations, | 9 |
| Communicants, | 48 |
| Burials, | 3 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Money collected— | |
| For Missions, | $75 00 |
| Assessment, | 50 00 |
| Church of the Atonement, Chapel Hill, | 100 00 |

C. F. McRAE.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

*Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rector.*

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|---|---|
| Baptisms, | 50 |
| Confirmations, | 38 |
| Communicants—Added 26, removals and deaths 19, present number, | 122 |

S. I. JOHNSTON.

## CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, CHAPEL HILL.

*Rev. W. M. Green, Rector.*

There has not been much improvement in this Congregation since the last Convention, nor will there be until it is supplied with a Pastor. Our Church building was commenced in June last, and is now about three-fourths completed. In order to finish it according to the original design, something like $1200 will yet be required in addition to the present subscription list. For this sum, we earnestly look to those portions of the Diocese which have as yet contributed little or nothing toward the work.—Of the importance of the undertaking, I need add nothing to what has already been communicated to two Conventions, and twice pressed upon the Diocese in the Annual Address of our Diocesan. We cannot believe that our Brethren will suffer the work to remain in its present unfinished and useless condition, for the want of a sum which could easily be spared out of the superfluities of any one of our larger Congregations.

Since the last Convention, 2 Communicants have been admitted for the first time to the Communion, and 3 received from other Congregations. The present number of our Communicants among the Students of the University is 5.

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| Confirmations, (1 a Student,) | 3 |
| Communicants, (2 colored,) | 23 |
| Sunday Scholars, | 31 |
| Sunday Teachers, | 4 |
| Families, | 7 |
| Adults, (not including the Students,) about | 50 |
| Money for the Assessment, | $10 |

## SALEM CHAPEL.

The monthly services at this place have been continued as heretofore, with such interruptions only as were caused by other unavoidable engagements.

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| Baptism, (colored Adult.) | 1 |
| Burial, | 1 |

W. M. GREEN, *Prof. of Rhetoric and Logic in the University of North Carolina.*

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

*Rev. Aldert Smedes, Rector.*

As Rector of St. Mary's School, I have to report, that during the past year I have officiated regularly, morning and evening, on the Lord's days, and in the morning on the other holy days of the Church, in the Chapel of our Institution. This is a room of some 30 by 45 feet, furnished with pews, an organ, a chancel and altar, and exclusively appropriated to religious instruction and worship. Here the solemn Service of our Church is performed, and her Sacraments and ordinances are administered, in the

presence only of our pupils, their teachers, and our domestics, with a freedom from interruption and distraction most favorable to devotion and their spiritual improvement.

Besides the religious instruction imparted in the Chapel on Sundays and other holy days, a portion of every day is set apart for this purpose. The pupils are required to commit to memory, and to recite daily, passages of Scripture which are minutely explained and illustrated, and which contain a systematic view of all the great doctrines of the Gospel as held by the Church, with their practical results and bearings. These passages are reviewed so frequently, that, it is believed, the impression they make will be indelible.

During the past year, one of our pupils was baptised, and 3 were confirmed, who immediately became Communicants. Twelve others are preparing themselves for the rite of Confirmation; and I am happy to say, that the good order, the kind feeling, and the respect for religious observances and duties which prevail in the School, afford the most cheering illustration of the effects of a faithful endeavor to employ the discipline of the Church in the education of the young.

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| Baptism, | 1 |
| Confirmed, | 4 |
| Communicants, (added 4,) | 15 |

ALDERT SMEDES.

*REPORT of St. John's and St. James's, Granville, and St. Luke's Parish, Louisburg, Franklin County.*

*Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, Rector and Missionary.*

ST. JOHN'S, WILLIAMSBOROUGH, GRANVILLE.

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|---|---|
| Communicants, | 16 |
| Baptisms—(Infants,) white 6, colored 6, | 12 |
| Confirmation, | 1 |
| Money raised for Church Repairs, | $265 |

ST. JAMES'S, GRANVILLE.

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| Commmunicants, | 15 |
| Confirmations, | 2 |
| Money collected for the Episcopate, | $10 |

ST. LUKE'S, LOUISBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

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| Communicants, | 13 |
| Confirmations, | 2 |
| Baptism, (Adult,) | 1 |

The prospects at this place are truly encouraging; and could fortnight services be given them, the happiest results might be anticipated. I am authorised to say, that a Church Building will probably be ready for Consecration at the Fall Visitation, or soon thereafter.

I have been officiating in the above named Parishes since Advent Sunday, twice a month in Williamsborough, and once each in St. Luke's and St. James's, with much in all to be thankful for.

JOS. JAS. RIDLEY.

## CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

*Rev. Louis L. Noble, Rector.*

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|---|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults 4; Children, white 8, colored 1, | | 13 |
| Confirmations 4, (at Hertford 1,) | | 5 |
| Marriage, | | 1 |
| Burials, | | 2 |
| Removals, | | 4 |
| Added—10 white, 2 colored, | | 12 |
| Collections for Episcopal Fund, | | $38 00 |
| Ditto for Diocesan Missions, | $55 00 | |
| Ditto from sale of Engravings from Mrs. Cox of Edenton, | 6 00 | |
| Total for Missions, | | $61 00 |

LOUIS L. NOBLE.

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

*Rev. S. Y. McMasters, Missionary.*

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| Baptisms—Adults 7, Children 11, | 18 |
| Confirmations, | 10 |
| Communicants—Added 5, present number | 23 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Burials, | 5 |
| Moneys paid for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses, | $20 00 |

## BRINKLEYVILLE STATION, HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Rev. S. Y. McMasters, Missionary.*

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| Baptisms—Adults 10, Children 5, | 15 |
| Confirmations, | 8 |
| No. of Communicants, | 9 |

S. Y. McMASTERS.

## PETTIGREW'S CHAPEL, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

*Rev. John S. Kidney, Minister.*

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| Baptisms—Infants 4, Adult 1, | 5 |
| Confirmations, | 4 |

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| Marriages, | | 2 |
| Burial, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Added 4, present number | | 40 |
| Collected for Missionary purposes, | $55 | |
| " " Episcopal Fund, | 25 | |
| | | $80 |

## COLORED CONGREGATION AT LAKE SCUPPERNONG.

*Rev. John S. Kidney, Minister.*

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| Baptisms—Infants 9, Adults 22, | 31 |
| Confirmations, | 31 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Burial, | 1 |
| Communicants—Died 1, removed 9, added 31, present number | 70 |

J. S. KIDNEY.

*REPORT of the Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, and Missionary in parts adjacent.*

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLNTON.

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| Baptisms—Children, white 1, colored 6; Adults, white 8, | 15 |
| Confirmations, | 10 |
| Communicants—Added 6, removed 3, present number | 11 |

## REPORT OF THE CONGREGATION AT WHITE HAVEN.

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| Baptisms—Children, white 2, colored 8; Adults, white 2, | 12 |
| Confirmations, | 7 |
| Communicants—Added 8, present number | 14 |

## CONGREGATION AT CHARLOTTE.

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| Communicants—Added 1, present number | 10 |

## CONGREGATION AT MORGANTON, BURKE COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—Children 5; Adults, white 8, colored 1, | 14 |
| Confirmations, | 9 |
| Communicants—Added 6, present number | 14 |
| Burial, | 1 |

## CONGREGATION AT RUTHERFORDTON.

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Children 3, Adults 4, | 7 |
| Confirmations, | 5 |
| Communicants, | 2 |

LENOIR & THE VALLEY OF THE YADKIN, CALDWELL C'TY.

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| Baptisms—Children 4, Adults 7, | 11 |
| Confirmations, | 11 |
| Communicants—Removed 1, present number | 6 |
| Burial, | 1 |

In Sept. 1843, I took charge of the Congregations at Morganton, Rutherfordton, Lenoir, and the Valley of the Yadkin. In Feb. 1844, I succeeded the Rev. E. M. Forbes in the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, together with the charge of the Congregation at White Haven,—retaining also in charge the Congregation at Morganton. The appointments for the other Stations above mentioned, have been unavoidably discontinued up to the present time, with the exception of occasional services at Charlotte.

It is presumed that the number of the Communicants in some of the above Congregations would be larger, if the Holy Communion could have been administered during the past year,—as many of those last confirmed have not yet had an opportunity of communicating. There have been distributed, during the past year, 63 Prayer Books, and nearly 20,000 pages of Tracts.

A. F. OLMSTED.

*REPORT of the Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Missionary at St. Thomas's Church, Windsor; Trinity Church, Scotland Neck; St. Mark's Church, Halifax; and Calvary Church, Tarborough.*

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infant 1, Adults 3, | 4 |
| Confirmations, | 7 |
| Communicants, | 24 |

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

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| Baptisms, (Infants,) | 7 |
| Confirmations, | 3 |
| Communicants, | 15 |

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

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| Baptism, (Infant,) | 1 |
| Confirmation, | 1 |
| Communicants, | 8 |

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

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| Baptisms—Infants 6, Adults 2, | 8 |
| Confirmations, | 11 |
| Communicants, | 18 |

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

*REPORT of the Rev. William N. Hawks, Missionary in the Counties of Craven, Pitt, and Lenoir.*

During the past year, I have performed occasional services in the Counties of Craven, Pitt, and Lenoir; but confined, as I have been, by the duties of the School-room, my labors have necessarily been limited, and in a great degree ineffectual. From the spirit, however, which I have seen manifested by the friends of the Church in these Counties, I have no doubt, that could they but be blessed with the regular and persevering labors of a faithful Missionary, much good might be done.

KINSTON, LENOIR COUNTY.

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| Baptisms, (Infants,) | 6 |
| Confirmations, | 6 |

PITT COUNTY.

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| Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 5, | 6 |
| Confirmation, | 4 |

CRAVEN COUNTY.

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| Baptisms, (Infants,) | 2 |
| Burials—Adult 1, Infant 1, | 2 |

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| Total No. of Baptisms, | | 14 |
| " " " Confirmations, | | 10 |
| " " " Burials, | | 2 |

WM. N. HAWKS.

*REPORT of the Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, Missionary at Trinity Chapel, St. Thomas's, Bath, Zion Chapel, and St. John's, Durham's Creek, Beaufort County.*

I had charge of these Parishes from the last Convention until the 22d of February last; and for that time I have to report, in

TRINITY PARISH.

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| Burials, | 4 |
| Baptisms, | 3 |
| Confirmation, | 1 |

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH.

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| Burials, | 3 |
| Baptisms, | 4 |
| Confirmations, | 3 |
| Added to the Communion, | 3 |

## ZION CHAPEL.

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| Burials, | 4 |
| Baptism, | 1 |

I visited Greenville during the past year, and performed the Burial Service; and on the same occasion baptised a mother and her five children.

W. E. SNOWDEN.

*REPORT of the Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary in Ashe County, and parts adjacent.*

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| Baptisms, | 9 |
| Confirmed, | 1 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Burials, | 4 |

During the past year, about fifty Children have been instructed in the Catechism. Twenty-five Prayer Books have been distributed. A Catechetical Library of 100 volumes, furnished by the Bishop, has been in general circulation.

H. H. PROUT.

## REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S PARISH, LOCUST GROVE.

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults 2, Infant 1, | 3 |
| Communicants—Died 2, removed 2, suspended 4, present number, | 26 |
| Burials, | 2 |
| Assessment for Bishop's Salary, | $5 |

JNO. B. GOELET, *Secretary.*
HENRY HOFFMAN, *Warden.*

## GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

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|---|---|
| Baptisms, | 6 |
| Confirmations, | 3 |
| Communicants—Removed 2, added 4, present number | 24 |

BENJ'N MAITLAND,
*Secretary of the Vestry.*

The Treasurer then presented his Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements for the past Conventional year, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

At Night, Evening Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kidney, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. McRae, from St. John's Gospel, 3d chapter, 3d verse.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 4—9 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

A Certificate of Lay Delegation from Grace Church, Plymouth, was presented and read, from which it appeared that Messrs. F. F. Fagan, Sam'l Hardison, J. McC. Boyle, and Wm. L. Chesson were elected Delegates to this Convention,—of whom Mr. F. F. Fagan appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Collins moved that the Delegates from Grace Church, Plymouth, be allowed to fill vacancies in their delegation. Which was decided in the negative.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee on Canons, consisting of five members, be now appointed. Whereupon the President nominated the Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Geer, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Wright, Collins, and Dr. Freeman, of the Laity.

On motion, resolved to refer the matter of power to fill vacancies to the Committee on Canons.

The Committee of Finance presented the following Report, which being read, was adopted:

*REPORT of the Committee of Finance.*

The Committee of Finance respectfully report—

That they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and find them, on a comparison with the vouchers for the payments made, to be correct. For a detailed statement of the several funds under the control of the Convention, the members of the Convention are referred to the said Accounts, hereto annexed.—[*See Appendix.*]

The Committee recommend for the adoption of this Convention, the Scale of Assessments made at the last Convention, with a few slight alterations, which will be seen by reference to the Table.

The Assessments having been made for the purpose of defraying the necessary expences of the Diocese, this Committee would earnestly recommend that the Vestry of the Parish take care that the amount thus assessed be collected and remitted to the Treasurer at or before each Convention, and that the members of the Parish press upon the Vestry their duty in this matter. Respectfully submitted,

R. S. MASON.

The Standing Committee of the last year made the following Report, which was read, and, on motion, accepted:

*REPORT of the Standing Committee.*

The Standing Committee for the past year respectfully report—

That during the year, they have granted testimonials for Deacon's Or-

ders to Joseph J. Ridley, M. D.; and have recommended Jos. C. Huske to be admitted as a Candidate for Deacon's Orders.

R. S. MASON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Convention adjourned for Divine Service to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Morning Prayer read by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, the Ante-Communion Service by the Bishop, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, from the Book of Esther, 4th chap., part of the 16th verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the subject of printing the Canons, in connection with the Journal of this Convention, be referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Mr. Jno. W. Wright.

The Rev. Dr. R. S. Mason, Librarian, presented the following Report, which was read, and, on motion, received:

## *REPORT of the Librarian.*

The Librarian of the Diocese respectfully reports—

That there has been no increase of the Library during the past year. The Librarian has on hand Nineteen Dollars for the purchase of Books, ready to be paid to the Bishop as soon as called for. The Librarian would respectfully call the attention of the Clergy to a resolution adopted at the Convention of 1841:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least Five Dollars, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

R. S. MASON, *Librarian.*

The Chairman of the Committee on unfinished business, of the last year, reported that they find nothing open which requires the action of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration so much of the Bishop's Charge, of the past and present years, as relates to Diocesan Missions. Whereupon the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Mason and Johnston, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Hines, Wright, and Mallett, of the Laity.

The Missionary Committee presented the following Report and accompanying Resolutions, which were read, and, on motion, were accepted:

## *REPORT of the Missionary Committee.*

The Missionary Committee respectfully report—

That the number of Missionaries employed, and the extent of Missiona-

ry ground occupied by them, during the last Conventional year, is as follows:

The Rev. Mr. Cheshire has officiated at Tarborough, Scotland Neck, Windsor, and Halifax.

The Rev. Mr. Ridley, at St. John's, Williamsborough; St. James's, Granville;, and Louisburg, Franklin.

The Rev. Mr. Curtis, at St. Matthew's, Hillsborough; St. Mary's, Orange County; and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Mr. Thurston, at St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough; and Deep River, Chatham County.

The Rev. Mr. Geer, at Wadesborough, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, with the Rev. Mr. Walker, Deacon, at St. Luke's, Salisbury; Christ and St. Andrew's Churches, Rowan County; Mocksville, Davie County; Lexington, Davidson County; Mills' Settlement, Iredell County; and Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

The Rev. Mr. Kidney, Deacon, assisted by Rev. Mr. Olmsted, Deacon, at St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton; White Haven, Lincoln County; Shelby, Cleaveland County; Rutherfordton, Rutherford County; Morganton, Burke County; Settlement on John's River, Burke County; Lenoir, and the Valley of the Yadkin, Caldwell County.

The Rev. Mr. Prout, two Stations at the head of Wataga River, and one at the head of New River, Ashe County.

The Missionary Committee respectfully press upon the attention of the Convention, that from the deficiency of funds, it has been found absolutely necessary to suspend, in whole or in part, the Missionary services at the following places: Trinity Church and St. Thomas's, with the other small Parishes in Beaufort County; St. Luke's, Locust Grove; Williamston, Martin County; Gatesville and Middle Swamp, Gates County; Murfreesborough and Manney's Neck, Hertford County; Grace Church, Plymouth.

From the same cause, the Committee have been unable to afford the necessary aid to secure services at the following important places: Waynesborough, Wayne County; Kinston, Lenoir County; Greenville and Pugh's Chapel, Pitt County. And have been compelled to make but partial appropriations to the Missionaries actually employed. Besides which, the Committee have deemed it inexpedient to purchase such Books or Tracts as would be highly important for giving efficiency to Missionary operations.

The Committee would respectfully recommend the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his Congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or, where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of a Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations.

Respectfully submitted.

R. S. MASON, *Sec'y.*

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect by ballot the Delegates

to the General Convention. On counting the ballots, the following named were elected, viz: The Rev. Messrs. R. S. Mason, D. D., M. Ashley Curtis, Professor Wm. M. Green, and S. I. Johnston, of the Clergy; and Messrs. J. W. Wright, Josiah Collins, John S. Eaton, and George E. Spruill, of the Laity.

A motion was made and seconded, that the Convention go into the election of Alternate Delegates to the General Convention; pending which, a motion for adjournment prevailed, and the Convention adjourned to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Evening Prayer read by the Rev. Mr. McMasters; an Adult baptised by the Rector of the Parish; and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, from Mal., 1st. chap., 6th verse.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of Friday read and approved.

On motion, the resolution submitted on yesterday, touching the election of Alternate Delegates to the General Convention, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Missionary Committee, when the following named were chosen, viz: The Rev. Messrs. J. B. Buxton and Dr. R. S. Mason, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Chas. P. Mallett, Charles T. Haigh, and John W. Wright, of the Laity.

The President received the following communication, which was read, and ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

## CIRCULAR.

## THE INDIAN MISSION.

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Missions, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the Scheme of AN INDIAN MISSION, offered to the Board, by the Domestic Committee, and report thereon at the next annual meeting; and, in the meanwhile, to notify every Diocesan Convention of the Church, that such a scheme is under consideratien in the Board, with a view to its presentation at the next General Convention, hereby complies with the instructions of the Committee, in transmitting to the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, the Scheme which follows. For the Committee,

G. W. DOANE, *Chairman.*

*Riverside, March* 12, 1844.

## SCHEME.

1. The "Indian Territory," as being now the permanent national home of the Red Man, to be recognized and declared by the Church a distinct Episcopal charge, under the title of the "Indian Diocese."

2. The ecclesiastical rights and administration of the Indian Diocese, as involving peculiar circumstances, to be regulated by special canon.

3. A Bishop for the same to be elected in the same manner as the Missionary Bishops, and consecrated so soon as one may be found fitted and willing for this arduous charge, and content to devote his energies through life to the spiritual interests of his red brethren, with provision for an Assistant in case of necessity.

The manner and conditions of election of such Assistant to be also provided for by the canon regulating the Indian Diocese.

4. The Bishop thus chosen to be ecclesiastically independent of the Board of Missions, yet holding such voluntary connection and correspondence with it as the needs of his Diocese may require, and reporting to and through it accordingly.

5. The Treasurer of the Domestic Committee to be instructed to open with the Church a special account for Indian Missions, to be entitled "The Indian Branch Treasury," and in all his reports to distinguish the items of the same from general receipts and expenditure.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Walker, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Cheshire, from 1 Cor., 4th chap., 2d verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report, which was read, and, on motion accepted.

*REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.*

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report—

That the number of Communicants reported to this Convention is 1711; —being an increase, during the past year, of 67. This statement, however, does not fairly represent the accessions that have actually been made to the Church. A large number of Communicants have been withdrawn from us by removal and by death; in some Parishes half as many as have been added, and in some three times as many.

The Confirmations have been 300,—being 86 more than in the last year.

Baptisms, Adults 150, Infants 310, in all 460,—being less by 160 than in the past year.

Three persons have been ordained Deacons, and one Deacon has been admitted to the Priesthood.

The number of Candidates for Holy Orders is five.

The number of Clergy is twenty-eight, of whom nine are Missionaries.

The number of Sunday School Scholars and Catechumens has been reported from only two Parishes. It is hoped that this omission does not arise from a general neglect of Catechetical instruction. The statement of the number of Catechumens is indispensable to an accurate view of the state of the Church.

The Parochial Reports are made in every variety of form, so that it is

difficult to ascertain from them the actual and comparative condition of each Parish. The Committee would urge the Clergy to follow strictly the form of a Parochial Report which is to be prepared for them by the Bishop.

The Committee, after a careful survey of the State of the Church, and of the means which may make it prosper, desire to express their deliberate approval of the plan of a Missionary Settlement in the West, recommended to this Convention by the Bishop.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. HUBBARD, *Chairman.*

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Committee for the Relief of disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, when the following named were chosen, viz: Rev. Dr. Mason and Dr. Beckwith.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, be held on the third Wednesday of May, 1845, in the Town of Fayetteville.

The Committee on Canons then presented the following Reports, which were severally read and adopted, viz:

*REPORTS of the Committee on Canons.*

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of making further provision for the election of Lay Delegates, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the following additional Article to the Constitution:

ARTICLE —.

Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorised by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GEER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of printing the Constitution and Canons, and the Resolutions of the different Conventions still having a binding efficacy, with the Rules of Order heretofore adopted, respectfully recommend the printing of the same as an Appendix to the Journals of the Convention, for the present and each succeeding year; and that a Committee, *ad interim*, be appointed by the Chair, to prepare the same for publication; and for that purpose beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journals of each sitting of the Convention. Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GEER, *Chairman.*

In pursuance of the above recommendation, the President appointed the

Rev. J. B. Buxton, and Messrs. E. L. Winslow and E. J. Hale, on said Committee.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the subject of electing Alternate Delegates to the General Convention, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report: That in the judgment of this Committee, it is inexpedient to make any such election. They recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That in the event of the inability of any of the Delegates to attend the ensuing General Convention, the Bishop be hereby authorised and requested to supply any such vacancy.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GEER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Monday, 6 o'clock, A. M.

Evening Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mason, and a Sermon by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, from Acts, 2d chap., 28th verse.

On Saturday Night, Service by Rev. Dr. Mason, Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and an Adult baptism by the Rector of the Parish. Eleven persons were confirmed by the Bishop.

On Sunday Morning, Prayers by Rev. Mr. Singeltary, and a Sermon by the Bishop, from Acts, 2d chap., 4th verse. A Collection was made for the Missionary operations of the Diocese; the Rev. Mr. Stoughton was ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons; and the Holy Eucharist was administered to 150 persons.

In the Evening, Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Cheshire, and the Children of the Parish catechised by the Bishop.

At Night, Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Ridley, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kidney, from Colossians, 3d chap., last part of the 5th verse. Four persons were confirmed by the Bishop.

MONDAY, MAY 27—6 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

The Special Committee on Missions made the following Report, which was accepted:

*REPORT of the Special Committee on Missions.*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Addresses of the past and present year as relates to Diocesan Missions, respectfully report—

That the sum on which we can rely with certainty for the Missionary

operations, is from 12 to 13 hundred dollars, which is insufficient for the maintenance of the Missionaries at present employed. The wants of the Church require, it is very evident from the Report of the Missionary Committee, much more extended operations than can now be effected by the limited means placed at our disposal. Even the maintenance of Missionary services at Stations from which, during the past year, for the want of means, they have been necessarily withdrawn, would require an additional sum of at least $1000. In addition to which, it would be highly important to have a Missionary stationed at Chapel Hill, and two others in the Mountain District, which would require an additional amount of not less than $400,—making an aggregate amount required for Missionary purposes of at least $2600; which the Committee believe can be obtained by every member of the Church acting conscientiously on the injunction of the Apostle, "On the first day of the week, let each one of you lay by in store according as God has prospered" him.

The Committee have taken into careful consideration that portion of the Bishop's Address to the present Convention, in relation to the Missionary Station in the Valley of the Wataga, and deem it of the highest importance to the best interests of the Church; and recommend to the Diocese, to use every practicable effort to establish and sustain the Mission on that Station.

R. S. MASON, *Chairman.*

On motion, 1000 copies of the Journals of this Convention were ordered to be printed.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop retired, and the Rev. Dr. Mason was called to the Chair.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hubbard, *Resolved unanimously*, That a Committee of six persons be appointed by the Chair, to request the consent of the Bishop to the publication of the five Sermons he has recently preached to the principal Churches of this Diocese.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Singeltary, and Johnston, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Jacocks, Collins, and Eaton, of the Laity, to form said Committee. And, on motion, the Rev. Dr. Mason was added to the same.

The Bishop resumed the Chair; and no other business appearing on the Minutes, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, *Secretary.*
C. P. MALLETT, *Assistant Secretary.*

# APPENDIX.

## SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS,

*For the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses of the Convention, for the year ending with the Convention of* 1845.

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| St. James's Church, Wilmington, | $225 |
| St. John's Church, Fayetteville, | 210 |
| Christ Church, Newbern, | 210 |
| Christ Church, Raleigh, | 210 |
| St. Paul's Church, Edenton, | 200 |
| St. Peter's Church, Washington, | 100 |
| St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange, | 60 |
| St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, | 40 |
| Christ Church, Rowan, | 25 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Rowan, | 15 |
| Christ Church, Elizabeth City, | 30 |
| Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, | 50 |
| St. John's Church, Williamsborough, | 30 |
| St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, | 36 |
| Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, | 36 |
| Calvary Church, Wadesborough, | 29 |
| St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, | 30 |
| St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson County, | 36 |
| Trinity Chapel, Beaufort, | 24 |
| St. Thomas's, Bath, | 20 |
| St. Thomas's, Craven, | 15 |
| Zion Chapel, Beaufort, | 12 |
| Calvary Church, Tarborough, | 25 |
| St. Paul's Chapel, Swift Creek, | 5 |
| Congregation at Hertford, | 20 |
| St. James's Church, Granville, | 10 |
| St. Luke's Church, Washington County, | 5 |
| Grace Church, Plymouth, | 10 |
| St. Mary's Church, Kinston, | 10 |
| Pettigrew's Chapel and Congregation at Lake Scuppernong, | 25 |
| St. Thomas's, Windsor, | 20 |
| Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, | 25 |
| Church of the Atonement, Chapel Hill, | 10 |
| | $1,799 |

The undersigned respectfully submits to the Convention, the usual Ex- the Convention of 1844.

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DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, in account*

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| 1843, | | |
| May 8. | To cash paid Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, on account of salary, | $600 00 |
| June 12 | To ditto paid draft of ditto. in favor of C. Dewey, Cashier, | 200 00 |
| July 6. | To ditto paid E. J. Hale, printing 900 copies of Journal, $65,— Expenses in forwarding ditto, $3, | 68 00 |
| " 12. | To cash paid E. L. Winslow, Sec'y, for postages paid by him, | 3 70 |
| Oct. " | To cash paid Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, in favor of D. Cameron, | 250 00 |
| | To cash paid rec't of ditto, in favor of H. A. London, | 30 00 |
| | To cash paid account of W. R. Gales, for printing Circulars, | 13 00 |
| 1844, | | |
| Jan. 17. | To cash paid draft of Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, favor of J. McKimmon, | 200 00 |
| " 20. | To cash paid draft of ditto, favor of C. Dewey, Cash'r, | 350 00 |
| Feb. 10. | To cash paid draft of ditto, favor of T. N. Cameron, | 75 00 |
| May 17. | To cash paid for postages to this date, | 6 37 |
| | To this sum transferred to credit of Fund for the Episcopate, for purchase of Bank Stock, | 42 20 |
| " 18. | To New Account for balance on hand, | 311 80 |
| | | $2,150 07 |

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DR. *Fund for the Episcopate in account*

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| 1844, | | |
| May 18. | To securities on hand, viz: | |
| | Bonds of Raleigh & Gaston Rail Road Company, endorsed by the State, | $7,500 00 |
| | Fourteen shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, cost | 1,260 50 |
| | | $8,760 50 |

FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 18, 1844.

hibits of the Receipt and Disbursement of Funds, for the year ending with

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

*with the Treasurer of the Convention.* CR.

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| 1843, | | |
| April 24. | By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1843, | $314 07 |
| May 15. | By cash from Bishop Ives, Assessment from St. James's Church, Wilmington, | 225 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Christ Church, Newbern, | 210 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh, | 210 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. J. Singeltary, St. Peter's Church, Washington, (1842 and 1843,) | 160 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, | 89 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. M. A. Curtis, St. Matthew's & St. Mary's, Orange | 35 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. C. B. Walker, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, | 40 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Christ Church, Rowan, | 25 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, St. Andrew's Church, Rowan, | 15 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. L. L. Noble, Christ Church, Elizabeth City, | 22 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, | 50 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, | 36 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Calvary Church, Tarborough, | 25 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, | 11 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Edwin Geer, Calvary Church, Wadesborough, | 25 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. W. E. Snowden, Trinity Chapel, Beaufort, | 24 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. W. B. Otis, St. Luke's Ch. & Cong. at Plymouth | 15 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. C. Aldis, Pettigrew's Chapel and Congregation at Lake Scuppernong, | 25 00 |
| | Ditto from Dr. J. R. Herndon, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, | 30 00 |
| | Ditto from J. S. Eaton, Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, | 20 00 |
| | Ditto from J. Carmon, St. John's Church, Fayetteville, | 150 00 |
| Aug. 15. | Ditto from Raleigh & Gaston Rail Road Co., interest to July 1843 on $7,500, Bonds endorsed by the State, | 225 00 |
| Oct. 6. | Ditto from H. A. London, Assessment from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough. (1842 & 1843,) | 66 00 |
| July 13. | Ditto from Bank of Cape Fear, div. of 3 pr. ct. on 11 shares Stock | 33 00 |
| 1844, | | |
| Jan. 6. | Ditto from Bank of Cape Fear, div. of 3 pr. ct. on 14 shares Stock | 42 00 |
| May 13. | Ditto from Bank of Cape Fear, div. of 2 pr. ct. on 14 shares Stock | 28 00 |
| | | $2,150 07 |
| 18. | By Old Account for balance on hand, | $311 80 |

*with the Treasurer of the Convention.* CR.

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| 1843, | | |
| April 24. | By cash and securities on hand, per statement rendered to Convention of 1843, | $8,718 30 |
| 1844, | | |
| May 17. | By this sum transferred from account of Diocese of N. Carolina, | 42 20 |
| | | $8,760 50 |

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Missionary Fund in account with*

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| 1843, | | |
| May 8. | To cash paid Rev. C. H. Disbrow, on account of salary, to Convention of 1843, | $100 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. W. E. Snowden, ditto, | 100 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. M. A. Curtis, ditto, | 100 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. Edwin Geer, ditto, | 75 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. H. H. Prout, ditto, | 50 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. E. M. Forbes, ditto, | 50 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. W. B. Otis, ditto, | 50 00 |
| | Ditto paid Rev. R. M. Chapman, ditto, | 50 00 |
| | To Sec'y's draft in favor of Rev. E. M. Forbes, Tracts purchased, | 7 00 |
| 19. | To cash paid Rev. T. F. Davis, on ac't of salary, to Con. of 1843, | 100 00 |
| Aug. 5. | To draft of Rev. Wm. Thurston, in favor of J. Baker, | 24 85 |
| Oct. 14. | To cash paid Rev. E. Geer, bal. of appropriation to Conv. of 1843, | 25 00 |
| 16. | Ditto Rev. W. Thurston, in part of ditto, | 36 00 |
| | Ditto ditto, in full of ditto, | 39 15 |
| 20. | Ditto Rev. M. Forbes, ditto, | 50 00 |
| Dec. 12. | Ditto Rev. M. A. Curtis, ditto, | 50 00 |
| 26. | Ditto Rev. J. B. Cheshire, ditto, | 50 00 |
| 1844, | | |
| Jan. 29. | Ditto Rev. E. M. Forbes, on ac't of services since Conv. of 1843, | 25 00 |
| | Ditto Rev. H. H. Prout, ditto, | 50 00 |
| Feb. 6. | Ditto Rev. J. S. Kidney, ditto, | 50 00 |
| | Ditto Rev. A. F. Olmsted, ditto, | 50 00 |
| 7. | To Sec'y's draft favor of Rev. E. Geer, ditto, | 75 00 |
| May 18. | To New Account for balance on hand, | 103 79 |
| | | $1,310 79 |

Dr. *Fund for the relief of disabled Clergymen and of the the Treasurer of*

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| 1843, | | |
| May 23. | To cash paid draft of Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, favor of Mrs. C. Wiley, (balance due,) | $13 00 |
| Oct. 5. | To ditto ditto, ditto, | 75 00 |
| 1844, | | |
| Jan. 29. | To ditto ditto, ditto, | 75 00 |
| May 18. | To New Account for balance on hand, | 40 00 |
| | | $233 00 |

*the Treasurer of the Convention.* Cr.

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| 1843, | | |
| April 24. | By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1843. | $134 18 |
| May 15. | By cash from Bishop Ives, contribution from St. James's Church, Wilmington, | 75 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh, | 80 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. J. Singeltary, St. Peter's Church, Washington, | 82 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, | 101 30 |
| | Ditto from Rev. M. A. Curtis, St. Matthew's & St. Mary's, Orange | 25 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. C. B. Walker, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, | 27 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. L. L. Noble, Christ Church, Elizabeth City, | 12 50 |
| | Ditto from Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Calvary Church, Tarborough, | 13 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Halifax, | 4 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. S. I. Johnston, collection at Convention, | 120 51 |
| 19. | Ditto from J. Carmon, Treasurer St. John's Church, Fayetteville, | 42 00 |
| Aug. 29. | Ditto from W. Badham, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, | 32 00 |
| Oct. 16. | Ditto from Rev. W. Thurston, St. Bartholomew's Ch., Pittsboro', | 20 00 |
| 20. | Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh, | 80 00 |
| Dec. 12. | Ditto from Rev. M. A. Curtis, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro', | 50 00 |
| 18. | Ditto from Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, | 50 00 |
| 26. | Ditto from W. Badham, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, | 50 00 |
| 1844, | | |
| Jan. 2. | Ditto from T. H. Wright, St. James's Church, Wilmington, | 75 00 |
| 9. | Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh, | 20 00 |
| | Ditto from J. Carmon, Treasurer St. John's Church, Fayetteville, | 100 00 |
| 19. | Ditto from Rev. J. Singeltary, St. Peter's Church, Washington, | 77 30 |
| March 8. | Ditto from E. J. Hale, for Portraits of Bishop Ives sold, | 40 00 |
| | | $1,310 79 |
| May 18. | By Old Account for balance on hand, | $103 79 |

*Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in account with the Convention.* Cr.

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| 1843, | | |
| May 15. | By cash from Rev. Mr. Hubbard, contribution from Christ Church, Newbern, | $35 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh, | 20 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, St. Peters' Church, Washington, | 20 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Mr. Curtis, St. Matthew's & St. Mary's, Orange, | 5 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Mr. Walker, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, | 10 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Mr. McRae, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, | 15 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Mr. Geer, Calvary Church, Wadesborough, | 8 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. Mr. Cheshire, St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, | 5 00 |
| 1844, | | |
| Jan. 2. | Ditto from Thos. H. Wright, St. James's Church, Wilmington, | 60 00 |
| 9. | Ditto from Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ Church, Raleigh, | 15 00 |
| | Ditto from J. Carmon, St. John's Church, Fayetteville, | 40 00 |
| | | $233 00 |
| May 18. | By balance on hand, | $40 00 |

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

## FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

| | | No. | | No. | | | | | Total. |
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| Baptisms, | Infants, | 0 | Adults, | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Confirmations, | White, | 0 | Colored, | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Marriages, | " | 0 | " | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Funerals, | " | 0 | " | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Communicants | Deaths, | 0 | Removals. | 0 | Suspensions, | 0 | Additions, | 0 | 0 |
| Families, | White, | 0 | Colored, | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Charities, | Miss. F'd, | 0 | Ep. Fund, | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |

Matters that throw light on the state of the Parish.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## *Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.*

### ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognises, and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

### ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

### ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructer of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a candidate for orders belonging to this diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. Provided however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

### ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

## ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex officio*, be President.

## ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

## ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

## ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

## ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled

to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

## ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE XII.

Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorised by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

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# CANONS

OF THE

# *Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.*

## CANON I.—Passed April 1817.

### *Of Presentments.*

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

## CANON II.—Passed April 1817.

### *Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate

record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

### CANON III.—Passed April 1817.

*Of the Sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.*

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every Parish in the Diocese.

### CANON IV.—Passed April 1819.

*Respecting the Call of a Special Convention.*

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

### CANON V.—Passed April 1819.

*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the Parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

### CANON VI.—Passed April 1819.

*The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.*

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the

Convention, is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

## CANON VII.—Passed May 1842, in the room of the one passed May 1821.

*Of the Forming of a Congregation.*

Any ten or more Adults may form themselves into a Congregation of this Church, and be received into union with this Convention, by consenting to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in these United States, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; by assuming a name to designate such Congregation; by electing a Vestry of four or more persons, not exceeding twelve; and by subscribing the following form of Certificate, to be presented to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese:

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of ———, [here should follow the name,] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

## CANON VIII.—Passed May 1824.

*Respecting Annual Contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

## CANON IX.—Passed May 1824.

*Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

## CANON X.—Passed April 1825.

*To appoint a Treasurer, and to prescribe his Duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall

render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall, *ex officio*, receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the Fund for the Episcopate, as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interests and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

### CANON XI.—Passed May 1827.

*Authorising the Treasurer to invest the Money belonging to Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

### CANON XII.—Passed May 1830.

*Pointing out the Additional Duties of the Secretary.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of Convention, during its sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

### CANON XIII.—Passed May 1830.

*On the Election of a Bishop.*

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

### CANON XIV.—Passed May 1841.

*Relating to the Standing Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the members of the Standing Committee to hold meetings for the transaction of business at every Convention of the Diocese; and this Canon is hereby declared to be due notice to each member of the same, to assemble at the time and place of the meeting of each Annual Convention.

# RESOLUTIONS

## CONTINUING IN FORCE,

*Adopted at various Sittings of the Convention.*

*Resolved*, That with the consent of his Vestry, it be the duty of every settled Clergyman, not having more than two Congregations in his Parochial Cure, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, and that the Bishop have the power of regulating the time and place of service. [*Adopted May* 1832.]

*Resolved*, That the Vestries of such Churches in this Diocese as may be destitute of Clergymen, be requested to forward to the Secretary, at least one month before the meeting of every Annual Convention, a report of the state and condition of said Churches. [*Adopted June* 1835.]

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those Congregations which have failed or may hereafter fail to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly. [*Adopted May* 1836.]

*Resolved*, That there be a Committee appointed at this and at each succeeding Convention, consisting of the Bishop, who shall be ex officio Chairman, and also one Presbyter and one Layman, both residing at Raleigh.

*Resolved*, That the Committee hereby appointed, shall be called "the Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen;" and that it be their duty to apply any moneys raised under these resolutions, to the relief of such disabled Clergymen, and to the relief of such widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, as they may deem proper objects for the assistance.

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of said Committee, to ascertain the amount of money which will probably be wanted in each succeeding year for these purposes, and to report to each Clergyman the respective cases, and also the amount which will be needed from their respective Cures. It being understood that these amounts are to be estimated by the ratio of the present assessment. Provided, nevertheless, that in event of there being no proper objects, there shall be no call made.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be the Treasurer of this Committee, that he receive all moneys contributed to this object and pay out the same on the warrant of the Chairman of the Committee.

*Resolved*, That it is hereby declared to be within the duty of the Parochial Clergy, to urge these claims, when they exist, on their respective

Cures—to collect funds, and to transmit them to the Treasurer of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Committee to report their annual proceedings in detail, at each and every Convention. [*Adopted May* 1841.]

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least Five Dollars, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

*Resolved*, That each Clergyman present the Librarian with a list of the Books in his own or in his Parish Library, so that unnecessary duplicates may not be purchased, and that each may know where to apply for any needed set of books. [*Adopted May* 1841.]

*Resolved*, That in addition to the other Standing Committees, there shall be one appointed at each Convention, to be called the Committee on the Admission of new Congregations. [*Adopted May* 1842.]

*Resolved*, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his Congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or, where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of a Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations. [*Adopted May* 1844.]

*Resolved*, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journals of each sitting of the Convention. [*Adopted May* 1844.]

# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, each consisting of five, and all Special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it: a motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment must be decided before the original motion.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

*Standing Committee for* 1844–5.

Rev. Doctor MASON.
Rev. C. F. McRAE.
Rev. S. I. JOHNSTON.
Hon. RICHARD HINES.
WESTON R. GALES.

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*Missionary Committee.*

Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON.
Rev. Doctor MASON.
CHAS. P. MALLETT.
CHAS. T. HAIGH.
JOHN W. WRIGHT.

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*Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.*

Rt. Rev. Bishop IVES.
Rev. Doctor MASON.
Doctor JOHN BECKWITH.

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*Delegates to the General Convention.*

| CLERICAL. | LAY. |
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| Rev. Doctor MASON, | JOHN W. WRIGHT, |
| Rev. M. ASHLEY CURTIS, | JOSIAH COLLINS, |
| Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, | JOHN S. EATON, |
| Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, | GEORGE E. SPRUILL. |

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Treasurer of the Convention, JOHN W. WRIGHT, Fayetteville.

Secretary of the Convention, EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, ditto.

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The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1845.